

Atty's Docket:101195-38

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Claims 12-14 were pending in the application. The claims have been canceled and replaced with claims 15-26.

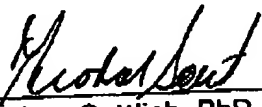
No new matter is introduced by the claims. New claims 20-21 refer to p21-mediated stability in primary cell cultures and *in vivo*. One of ordinary skill in the art would understand that such methods are encompassed by the specification.

Specifically, the specification focuses broadly on the behavior of cells during and after transfection of exogenous DNAs. The cell is often referred to as the "target cell" or "host cell." Spec., p.1, 1st ¶ and elsewhere throughout. There is nothing in the written description that would indicate to persons of ordinary skill that the methods are applicable only to established cell lines.

Applicants also explicitly disclose that it is their aim to improve target cell stability *in vivo* as well as *in vitro*. Spec., p.1, 3rd ¶; p. 3, 3rd ¶.

Respectfully Submitted,

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